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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES.....House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX.....chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is October 9, 2013. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

The amendment requires that if the Department of Administrative and Financial Services has reason to believe that any person, business or other entity has intentionally made fraudulent representations about the domestic content of a manufactured good or has intentionally violated any provision of the legislation, the department must, after a hearing, debar that person, business or other entity from contracts or subcontracts with the State for 2 years.

The amendment provides that the provisions of this legislation will be applied only if they are consistent with the State's obligations under any applicable international agreements pertaining to government procurement. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-304)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, mirrors the majority report establishing the Maine Buy America Act except that it eliminates any requirements regarding the domestic content of a manufactured good's components or subcomponents. This amendment was not adopted.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-557)

This amendment exempts counties from the definition of public agencies that are governed by the legislation.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-344)

This amendment changes the effective date from June 1, 2014 to September 1, 2014. It also replaces the appropriations and allocations section to provide funding for one part-time position within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to comply with the Maine Buy America Act.

LD 914 An Act To Certify Nuclear Medicine Technologists in Computed Tomography ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY COLLINS	ONTP	

This bill amends the laws governing nuclear medicine technologists to create a computed tomography certification for nuclear medicine technologists that:

1. Hold a current license to practice as a nuclear medicine technologist; and
2. Have successfully passed the certification examination in computed tomography from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, as determined by the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners.

The bill authorizes a certified nuclear medicine technologist to perform specific duties related to computed tomography that are in accordance with national guidelines and rules approved by the board.

LD 933 An Act To Establish a Separate Regulatory Board for Dental Hygienists CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIROCKI	OTP-AM	

This bill establishes the State Board of Dental Hygienists.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-452)

Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

1. It changes the name of the State Board of Dental Hygienists to the State Board of Dental Hygiene.
2. It establishes the State Board of Dental Hygiene as an affiliated board with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation that shares resources with the Board of Dental Examiners.
3. It adds provisions that explain that the administrative expenses for staff and infrastructure of the Board of Dental Examiners must be shared on a pro rata basis with the State Board of Dental Hygiene and provides that the State Board of Dental Hygiene is required to charge sufficient licensure fees to finance the pro rata sharing of costs.
4. It removes all references in the bill that add an executive and assistant executive director and a secretary to the board and removes other technical provisions relating to the board's powers and duties that are not necessary to the board's primary responsibilities.
5. It removes provisions in the bill that establish dental hygienist adjudicatory panels.
6. It amends provisions in the bill relating to appointments to the board of public health hygienists and independent practice dental hygienists to ensure the qualifications for appointment accurately reflect the current statutory licensure requirements. It also adds the requirement that one dental hygienist on the board be an active instructor in an approved educational program in dental hygiene.
7. It establishes that any fees set by the board may not exceed \$250.
8. It removes provisions that require an in-person interview for applicants who had completed the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. dental hygiene examination more than one year prior to application for licensure and for applicants seeking licensure by endorsement.
9. It adds 2 unallocated transition provisions to provide that the rules of the Board of Dental Examiners applicable to dental hygienists that are in effect on the effective date of this legislation remain in effect until amended or repealed by the State Board of Dental Hygiene and establishes staggered terms for initial appointments to that board.
10. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 934 An Act To Amend the Laws on Extended Warranties for Used Cars To PUBLIC 292
Make Terms of Coverage Transparent

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILSON	OTP-AM	H-320

This bill makes changes to the laws governing extended warranties for used cars to require that dealers disclose in the written statement the date on which the extended warranty begins and terminates, and that this information be either handwritten or printed on the statement by the dealer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-320)

This amendment changes the provision in the bill that requires that a written statement on an additional warranty